

Rural District of Aysgarth.



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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1962.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR  
THE YEAR 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the Aysgarth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1962.

The vital statistics for the area with a higher death rate than birth rate are an indication of the migration of the younger people from the area and the increasing age of the remaining population.

Infectious diseases showed nothing of importance beyond the indication that tuberculosis continues a steady decline.

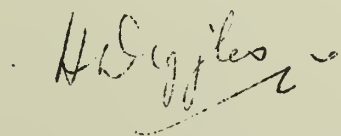
Problems connected with environmental hygiene remain the Council's major concern. Once again it is not possible to report much progress in this work. The proposed water supply scheme to serve the upper dale is still held up pending implementation of the Northallerton and Dales Water Board Order. Supplies have been adequate during the past year, but the quality has been very variable.

The position regarding sewage disposal shows signs of improvement, but progress in building appears to be very slow, in spite of all efforts of the Council.

Finally I should like to express my appreciation to the Members and Officials of the Council for their help and co-operation during the year.


I am,

Your obedient Servant



(H. Diggles)

Medical Officer of Health.



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SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) General Statistics

Area (in acres)	81,032
Population (Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population Mid 1962)	3,250
Net decrease of Resident population (mid 1961 mid 1962)	52
Population (1931 census)	4,257
Population (1951 census)	3,607
Number of inhabited houses (1951)	1,209
Number of inhabited houses (1962)	1,240
Rateable Value of District (April 1963)	£59,157
Product of penny rate (Estimated)	£233

(b) Vital Statistics

Aysgarth  
R.D.

Live Births	
Number	48
Rate per 1000 population	14.7
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	4.1
Stillbirths	
Number	1
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	20.4
Total live and still births	49
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	3
Infant Mortality Rates	
Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births	62.5
Legitimate " " " " Legitimate live births	65.2
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births)	20.8
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births)	20.8
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	40.8
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	0
Rate per 1000 total live and still births	0





CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

<u>Cause of Death</u>	Males	Females	Total
Syphilitic Disease	0	1	1
Diabetes	0	1	1
Malignant diseases	3	4	7
Cardio Vascular	15	20	35
Pneumonia	2	1	3
Other diseases	1	2	3
Bronchitis	0	1	1
Congenital Malformations	0	0	0
Other diseases	0	0	0
Vehicle Accidents	0	0	0
Other Accidents	0	0	0
Suicide	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Total deaths (all causes)	21	30	51
	—	—	—

POPULATION TREND

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Estimated mid-year population	3250	3302	3320	3320	3350	3390	3410
Birth-rate	14.7	9.7	14.2	15.3	13.7	11.8	15.8
Death-rate	15.6	18.3	20.2	17.0	12.8	16.8	17.6

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises, persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.



## SECTION B

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

The details of staff are given at the beginning of the report.

#### LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

#### AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station at Bainbridge.

#### HOSPITAL SERVICES

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in Northallerton by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board. In addition, a number of residents receive both in-patient and out-patient treatment at Lancaster and Bradford hospitals.

#### NURSING IN THE HOMES

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Mid-wifery service is under the general direction of the County Council, with the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee. Three district nurse/midwives operate in the area.

#### DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This is provided by the North Riding of Yorkshire County Council, the day-to-day administration being dealt with by the Area Health Sub-Committee through the Area Medical Officer.

## SECTION C

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

#### WATER SUPPLIES

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.



SECTION D

HOUSING

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.

SECTION E

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details of this work and of meat inspection are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Section.



SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases notified

Pneumonia  
Measles

Males	Females	Total
1	-	1
1	-	1

VACCINATION & IMMUNISATION

Diphtheria Immunisation

Although it is pleasing to see that a considerable number of children have received a booster dose against diphtheria before starting school, it is distressing to find that a number of parents will not allow their children to be immunised at this age. Most of these children were never protected against diphtheria in infancy. Several outbreaks of diphtheria have recently been reported from different parts of the country. Parents should remember that although poliomyelitis has stolen the limelight in recent years, diphtheria can recur at any time with all the dangers and complications that were commonplace twenty years ago.

Small-pox Vaccination

66% of the children born in the Wensleydale Local Health Area during the year were notified as having been vaccinated against small-pox (66% in 1961).

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

A large proportion of your Medical Officer's time during the year was spent on poliomyelitis vaccination. By the end of the year 8506 children aged under 15 years in the Wensleydale Local Health Area (of which the Aysgarth Rural District is part) had been vaccinated with two injections. This figure represents some 94% of all the children under 15 years of age compared with 89% in 1961.

In addition some 3991 older persons had also received two injections and 10,764 children and adults had received a third injection.





TUBERCULOSIS  
(AYSGARTH R.D.)

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 - 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 - 24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 - 34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 - 44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 - 54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 - 64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 - +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

There were 2 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and no cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis on the Register at the 31st December, 1962. This gives a rate of 0.6 cases of tuberculosis per 1000 population as compared with 1.2 in 1961.



PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A total of 1258 visits and inspections were made during the year for which purpose it was necessary to travel 6590 miles, an average of 5.2 miles per visit or inspection.

	Inspections	Informal Notices	Complied with	Statutory Notices	Complied with
Council Works	275	-	-	-	-
Housing	60	4	5	-	-
Public Health Acts	301	6	5	1	1
Building Byelaws	146	-	-	-	-
Improvement Grants	102	-	-	-	-
Slaughter Houses (for the purpose of meat inspection)	78	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	207	-	-	-	-
Food Premises	30	-	-	-	-
Petroleum Regulations	3	-	-	-	-
Rodent Control	31	2	2	-	-
Factories Act	1	-	-	-	-
Caravans	21	-	-	-	-

WATER SUPPLY.

The following is a table showing rainfall as measured at Bainbridge.

Month	Rainfall in inches.	
	1961	1962
	Hawes	Bainbridge
Jan.	6.26	7.42
Feb.	3.92	4.39
Mar.	1.51	1.78
Apr.	4.07	5.13
May.	3.31	3.67
June	2.60	1.59
July	4.00	2.90
Aug.	7.03	5.87
Sept.	3.63	4.14
Oct.	5.81	1.96
Nov.	4.14	2.06
Dec.	5.94	3.48
Total:	52.22	44.39

I am grateful to the Rivers Board for the rainfall figures for 1962. The readings were taken by Mrs. Grubb of Bainbridge, no record was available from Hawes.



Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies

16 samples of water were examined by the Public Health Laboratory Service, the results are as follows :-

Supply	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Addlebrough Regional	1	-
Burtersett	-	1
Hawes	-	5
Appersett	-	3
Marsett	-	1
Hardraw	-	1
Private	-	4
	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>

Total Number of dwellings in the Area	1240
Total Number of dwellings supplied from Council	
Mains	1071
Percentage of dwellings supplied from Council	
Mains	88.5%

Most of the samples of water submitted for examination were classified as unsatisfactory by reason of the presence of faecal organisms.

Water Supply to the Upper Dale

The Northallerton and Dales Water Board Order 1962 was made and came into operation during the year although the day of transfer was not until October 1963. The Council continued to administer the water undertakings in the meantime, but nothing can be done to improve the quantity or quality of water available in the Upper Dale until the Board is operational when it is hoped that the Fossdale Scheme will receive urgent consideration.

Lower Dale

West Burton

In July the yield of the springs supplying West Burton failed to keep pace with the demand, as in the past it was found possible to keep the system going by turning off the main at night to allow the reservoir to fill. There must be a considerable loss of water on this-and other systems, through defective fittings and pipes. In the absence of meters on the outlets of the reservoir this loss can only be estimated.

Addleborough

In July the level of the reservoir on Thornton Moor fell to less than 2' 0" and in order to maintain supply it was necessary to augment the supply from Askrigg. Late in the month a bad burst was found and repaired on the line from the intake to Aysgarth Reservoir. A good deal of water had been escaping for a considerable time and it is more than likely that this had been the cause of the shortage. Once again the absence of sufficient meters and gauges makes it difficult to be certain of the cause of a shortage.





MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Meat Inspection

Practically all the meat inspected was killed by one butcher as the other butchers in the district have almost ceased to kill their own animals.

There was no tuberculosis found in any of the animals and as was said last year tuberculosis in bovines is fortunately becoming a rare disease.

The total number of animals inspected was 213 and it was necessary to make 78 visits for this purpose.

The following table gives details of the food animals killed and the amount found to be unfit.

	Bull- ocks	Heif- ers	Total cattle (exclu- -ding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	52	18	70	Nil	Nil	92	51
Number inspected	52	18	70	Nil	Nil	92	51
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CISTICERCI</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	6	1	-	-	-	-	1
Percentage	11.5	5.5	-	-	-	-	2.0
Total Percentage	11.5	5.5	-	-	-	-	2.0
<u>TUBERCULOSIS only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>CYSTERCERCOSIS</u>							
Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The 6% of the bullocks from which some part or organ was condemned were all parasitic conditions of the liver with no detriment to the rest of the carcass.

REPORT ON SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES

One of the slaughterhouses was made to comply with the Regulations. Nothing has been done at the others.



### Other Foods

A total weight of other foods, including tinned foods, amounting to 22 lbs. has been found upon inspection to be unfit for consumption.

### Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

There are 75 premises in the district which come within the scope of the above regulations, they are as follows :-

Cafes	7
Public Houses	18
Confectioners	5
Grocers	22
Butchers	8
School Canteens	7
Fish and Chip Shops	1
Fishmongers	2
Cheese Factory	1
Hotels	3

It will be seen from the table of inspections that 30 visits were made to this type of premises.

### SEWERAGE

Table showing number of houses connected to Public Sewers

Parish	No. of Houses	Population Served
Abbotside High	52	143
Abbotside Low	-	-
Askrigg	112	293
Aysgarth	55	151
Bainbridge	97	267
Bishopdale	-	-
Burton-cum-Walden	-	-
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	60	165
Hawes	367	1005
Newbiggin & Thoralby	-	-
Thornton Rust	-	-
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With a total population of approximately 3250 the Percentage for which sewerage is provided is 62%.

Schemes for the sewerage and sewage disposal for the villages of Askrigg, West Burton and Thoralby were prepared during the year.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

A fortnightly collection of refuse is made in the greater part of the area, whilst most of the remainder is visited monthly. A few remote dwellings have no collection at all.

Refuse was collected under extremely difficult conditions in the latter part of the year. The refuse collection vehicle was off the road for a short period in December whilst repairs were being carried out.



## HOUSING

### The Housing Rent and Repairs Act 1954, Section 1 (Housing Proposals)

The number of unfit houses in the District which are regarded as being unfit and incapable of being made fit was 87 at the beginning of the year, this was reduced to 80 during the year.

The Council were required by the Ministry to submit further proposals to deal with the unfit houses remaining in the district. The Ministry were reluctant to agree to the Council's proposal that only 30 more houses should be dealt with in the next 5 years.

In approving the proposals the Minister expressed "the hope that the Council will, in practice, be able to deal with the unfit houses in less than the five year period indicated".

### Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959

The Council offered 2 Discretionary Grants amounting to £750 during the year and 19 Standard Grants to a total maximum of £2430, an increase over last year.

### New Council Houses

During the year a scheme was prepared to provide four houses and eight flats at Bainbridge on a site near to Holmebrae.

### Housing Survey

The following table shows the progress of the Rural Housing Survey.

Parish	Not Inspected	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 5
Abbotside High	12	2	27	32	11
Abbotside Low	4	7	13	9	5
Askrigg	7	16	65	63	10
Aysgarth	5	18	23	23	4
Bainbridge	6	23	67	48	13
Bishopdale	4	-	7	1	-
Burton-cum-Walden	26	14	44	36	2
Carperby-cum-Thoresby	2	19	25	25	2
Hawes	14	118	148	113	29
Newbiggin	1	2	12	7	1
Thoraby	7	12	17	14	3
Thornton Rust	-	9	22	5	-
Totals	<u>89</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>376</u>	<u>86</u>
Totals for 1961.	<u>90</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>82</u>

It will be seen from the above table that there has been a reduction of 21 in the number of unfit houses, of these 4 were regarded as being incapable of being made fit at a reasonable cost.

### Rent Act, 1957

No applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair.





OVERCROWDING

(a)	Total number of houses overcrowded at the beginning of the year ... ..	1
(b)	Number of families dwelling therein ..	1
(c)	Number of new cases of overcrowding ..	Nil
(d)	Number of cases relieved ... ..	Nil
(e)	Number of persons concerned in such cases . ...	Nil

This table is arrived at by the amendment of a survey carried out many years ago.

HOUSING AND NEW BUILDINGS  
Houses built by Private Enterprise

The table below gives details of houses under construction and those completed since 1945 in the various parishes.

Parish	Completed	Under Construction
Hawes	2	2
Askrigg	5	-
Thornton Rust	2	1
Aysgarth	4	-
Low Abbotside	2	-
West Burton	3	-
Total:	18	3

HOUSES BUILT BY AYSGARTH R.D.C.

Parish	To 31/12/1961	Under Construction
Hawes	44	-
Bainbridge	8	-
Askrigg	4	-
Carperby	6	-
Aysgarth	4	-
West Burton	2	-
Total :	68	-





PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, BUILDING BYELAWS

49 plans were considered during the year. Details are shown in the following table. One plan was rejected and an amended plan accepted at a later date.

Parish	New Houses	Alterations to dwellings	Garages & Sheds	Cow-Sheds & Dairies	Alterations to buildings other than dwellings	Conversion of buildings into dwelling houses	Total
Hawes	-	8	2	-	3	-	13
Bainbridge	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Askrigg	-	3	1	-	1	-	5
Carperby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aysgarth	-	3	3	1	3	-	10
Thornton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rust	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Abbotside	-	1	-	3	-	-	4
Low "	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
West Burton	-	3	2	-	-	-	5
Thoraly	-	1	1	1	-	-	3
Newbiggin	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Bishopdale	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
TOTALS:	-	22	10	10	7	)	49

Public Health Act 1961

One notice was served in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 (1) of the above Act requiring the owner to deal with a ruinous or dilapidated building. The notice was complied with.



RODENT CONTROL

31 visits were made during the year to Council and other properties.

The Council's sewers were baited and poisoned twice during the year. The sewage works and tips were dealt with as infestations occurred. The Council continue to supply rat poison, free of charge to householders for use on domestic premises.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937  
Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
Q1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ....	1	4	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	6	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total..	19	10	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.).....	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient...	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective .....	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes .....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not included off-ences relating to Outworks) .....	-	-	-	-	-
Total.....	-	-	-	-	-

There are no outworkers in the Rural District.





